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1. MAIN SUPPLY ROUTE BETWEEN THE ATLANTIC COAST AND THE CAPITAL HAS BEEN DESTROYED OVER A DISTANCE OF FIFTY (50) MILES. DAMAGES CONSIST OF MASSIVE SLIDES AND TWO LARGE BRIDGES DESTROYED.

2. GUATEMALAN PRESIDENT HAS REQUESTED THAT A U.S. ENGINEER BN. BE SENT TO HELP RECONSTRUCT THE HIGHWAY, (PARA 5 OF GUATEMALA 829).

3. SOUTHERN COMMAND DAST HAS ESTIMATED FOUR (4) BATTALION MONTHS TO RECONSTRUCT THE HIGHWAY SO THAT IT IS PASSABLE. FURTHER ESTIMATE THAT A CONSIDERABLE CAPABILITY EXISTS IN COUNTRY.

4. FURTHER ASSESSMENT OF LATTER IS NECESSARY BEFORE ANY FIRM RECOMMENDATION CAN BE MADE REGARDING RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT LAUGERUD'S REQUEST. HOWEVER, PARTLY BECAUSE OF POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS SOME ACTION REQUIRED NOW ON US PART. REQUEST AN ENGINEER DETACHMENT BE SENT TO GUATEMALA. ENGINEER DETACHMENT SHOULD HAVE THE CAPACITIES OF AN ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION BN. S-3 SECTION WITH SURVEY, SECOND ORDER, CAPABILITY. PRIMARY PURPOSE IS TO ASSIST GUATEMALAN

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SURVEY EFFORT IN DETERMINING SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR

LOCAL CAPABILITIES WITH SUBSEQUENT DETERMINATION OF GAPS  
THAT MUST BE FILLED BY OUTSIDE RESOURCES.  
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